

# The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 7.

## Still Another Memorial.

It appears that the Memorial in relation to the present Civil Government, which we published yesterday, was recently submitted to a "meeting of loyal citizens of Fairfax county, held at Woodlawn, and unanimously rejected, as not expressing the views of the meeting." The following memorial, opposed to the continuance of the present civil government, was adopted, "unanimously recommended to the loyal citizens of Virginia for their signatures," and the following committee appointed to carry out the views and purposes of the meeting, to wit:—Thomas Wright, Chalkey Gillingham, John Mason, Cortland Lukins, T. S. Wright, David Walton, J. M. Troth, John Ballinger, Eben E. Mason. Subjoined is a copy of the memorial adopted:

*To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled:* The undersigned, memorialists, loyal citizens of Virginia, would respectfully declare to your honorable body that a memorial, emanating from those constituting the present State government of Virginia at Alexandria, and those directly interested therein, and favorable thereto, is not a true representation of the most loyal sentiment in Virginia, and we solemnly protest against its being so received.

Nearly two years experience in the operations of our State government has convinced us that after the separation of West Virginia from what little of true loyalty remains in the old State, left us entirely too weak to sustain a respectable and efficient State government, more especially since the assumption of civil authority in some of the counties within the Federal lines by the military authority there, leaving only three entire counties and a part of another, viz: Fairfax, subject to the State authority.

Admitting the loyalty and zeal of the members of our State government, the circumstances under which we are placed render them inefficient as a body.

But the election, by our State Senate, of a man to fill one of the offices in its gift who was foremost with those who had banded together at the commencement of this rebellion to drive from the State and their homes every man who dared to vote against the ordinance of secession, has had a tendency to blast any hopes we may have had of establishing an energetic and wise State government under the auspices of our present State organization.

Further, to illustrate the territorial limits of the jurisdiction of our State government in Virginia west of the Potomac, your memorialists would respectfully represent that it is of little or practical utility to citizens residing outside of the fortifications comprising the defenses of Washington south of the Potomac.

In conclusion, your memorialists would further represent and declare that the State authorities have not the power or means to enforce respect or obedience to law. We therefore earnestly desire to be taken more directly under your protection and jurisdiction by the formation of a territorial government or otherwise, as you, in your wisdom, may determine.

In the Legislature sitting in this place, on Thursday, Mr. Harmon introduced a bill (House bill No. 10) entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act prescribing oaths in certain cases,'" which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Courts of Justice.

It is alleged that General Burbridge captured \$2,000,000 in Confederate money in his recent raid.

[COMMUNICATED.]

## Corporation Finances.

I see by the Gazette of Tuesday last, that for the reasons therein stated, the Corporation has declined to pay the January interest now due on the stock of the Corporation. Now, permit me to say, with all due deference, that the reasons assigned, though, at the first blush, quite plausible—are upon a little reflection, not sufficient to warrant this failure. I had hoped as a citizen of the "good old town," deeply interested in her welfare, that amid the convulsions that are upturning society, and rending communities, the credit of the town would be maintained to the end, in as much as all supposed that she had passed through the worst, and as it was generally believed that financially, we were getting on "swimmingly;" that our debt was being reduced and that though in other respects, not so well off perhaps as formerly, yet in a pecuniary point of view, we had improved. But I have been disappointed. It is true a very large sum has been expended in improving King street, and in repairing many of the other streets; the sanitary condition of the town has unquestionably been improved, and it is natural to suppose, at a greatly increased expense; the city is much better policed and the order is excellent, which is doubtless at a greater expense; there have been other expenses incurred—but then it should be borne in mind that not one cent has it cost the city. The U. S. Military Authorities have always footed the bills.—It was by the Military Governor that King street was paved—the same official has the Sanitary condition of the town under his control—the streets are kept clean by the contrabands in the employ of the Government, and so on—not one cent of expense, has the city been put to.

True, as is said, many houses are occupied by the Military authorities, for which the Corporation receives no taxes—and it is also true that there are many citizens absent, from whom no taxes can be collected but the identical property used and occupied by the military, is the property of those very citizens who are absent and from whom no taxes are collected, and in nine cases out of ten, the owners of this property (which has mostly been confiscated; and is now in possession of those from whom taxes can be collected) are holders of corporation stock to a large amount, and their taxes are thus always in the Corporation's hands; and farther, there has seldom been so much money collected for licenses as now; the gas works never paid better—in fact the sources of revenue of the Corporation appear to be more numerous than ever before, and where one dollar is lost for taxes, twenty it is supposed are made by the increased number of licenses and from other sources. The Corporation due bills ought to be no draw back whatever; from being worth fifty cents in the dollar, by a single act, their value was enhanced to sixty-five and seventy cents, and they might easily have been made par.

Then why this a failure? why, when all thought that the finances of the Corporation was in such a flourishing condition—when the Citizens had been promised that their debt should be lightened, and they relieved of such onerous taxation as they now have to bear, that suddenly a deficit, which prevents the

present payment of interest, to those, who in many cases are dependent almost entirely for their support on the interest for their Corporation stock. Now, I wish some further light on this subject. The salaries of the officers have not, that we are aware, been raised; there should, for reasons stated above, be much less expense in conducting the Corporation affairs than formerly, and the receipts have certainly been larger. Now please give us some more light on the subject.

A TAX PAYER.

## ANOTHER CAMPAIGN.

The steamer California has arrived at Fortress Monroe, from Hilton Head, S. C., bringing Colonel Ewing, bearer of despatches from Major Gen. Sherman. Gen. Sherman's army was resting, and no aggressive movement had as yet been undertaken. Gen. Kilpatrick's cavalry, however, are constantly on the scout, keeping a watchful eye over General Hardee. The troops were recovering from the effects of their long march through Georgia, and the army was being organized and equipped, preparatory, it is said, to the commencement of a campaign.

It is reported that Mr. Birch, the Delegate from Accomac, to the Legislature here, has been arrested by the Provost Marshal of that district on a charge of selling contraband articles to soldiers, and is now held in confinement.—We have no particulars.

## DIED.

On the 6th inst., RICHARD WESLEY, infant son of John S. and Cornelia Emerson, aged 3 months and 23 days. The funeral will take place, to-morrow afternoon (Sunday) at three o'clock, from the residence of the parents on King, between Payne and West streets.

Died at her residence, in Prince George's co., Md., on the 22d ultimo, after a long and painful illness, ADELINE, wife of Hasswell Magruder, Esq.

**COPARTNERSHIP.**—I have associated with me, in business, JOHN A. FIELD, under the firm name of ARNOLD & FIELD. I would take this occasion to return my thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon me, and wishing to close my old business, would be much obliged if all persons indebted to me would come forward and settle their accounts. Persons to whom I am indebted will please render their bills without delay.  
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WM. ARNOLD,  
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Jan 7—tf  
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